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REMARKS

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1. On 15 September 1953, the occupation of the barracks installation on Schunke Lake in Sperenberg had apparently decreased. Engineer troops and motor transport soldiers were still quartered there. Most of the tank trucks recently seen in the barracks area except 10 had left. Four motorboats were seen in front of a shed. On 28 and 29 August, soldiers practiced with 4 assault boats on Schunke Lake, aiming toward the shore from the middle of the lake. At 11 a.m. on 30 August, about 250 soldiers entered the camp on Hegessee Lake from the direction of Trebbin, coming from a practice march. On 12 September, about 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were firing at the ranges west of the barracks installation. On 14 September, about 80 men including some with gas masks on engaged in field training in the vicinity of the firing range. ¹
2. On 17 September, the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. About 80 trucks most of which mounted AA machine guns were in the new shed. An additional open shed was under construction. ²

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4. From 7 to 19 September, the Artillerie Kaserne and Kammersdorf firing range were unchanged.

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5. On 13 September, the team of the units in the barracks installation and an FDJ team played a solidarity game of soccer on the athletic grounds of the barracks installation at Schumke Lake. German onlookers were admitted.

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6. On 14 September, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake was occupied by a motor transport battalion of the engineer unit and an additional small engineer unit.

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7. In September the large shed on Hegessee Lake housed 6 to 8 tanks, 2 prime movers and 2 tank trucks. A wooden emergency bridge, about 1.50 meters long, was built across Koenigsgraben which had a width of about 120 meters. newly arrived tanks and other heavy weapons were employed during practices conducted in the area of Hegessee Lake and that the emergency bridge was used during the exercises.

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8. The Soviet soldiers quartered in the barracks installation in Klausdorf and Sperenberg have recently been allowed to fraternize with the German population. curfew for EM was at midnight and for officers at reveille time.

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9. From 27 August to 9 September, the siding to the former engineer camp at Hegessee Lake was reconstructed. The old siding had been dismantled in 1945. Heavy weapons and tanks almost daily arrived and were unloaded in the camp at Hegessee lake since 27 August. From 27 August to 7 September, 9 T-34/85 tanks, 2 half track vehicles, 4 x 122-mm field guns and 3 light field guns were unloaded. The entire materiel was new. a new unit would be activated or that a depot would be erected. Additional tanks, guns and vehicles were unloaded prior to 9 September.

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10. On 6 September, 7 x 37-mm AA guns, 3 x 76-mm AA guns, 3 decimeter radio stations and 8 trucks and a total of 60 soldiers were observed in the barracks yard.

1. Comment. The 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army stationed at the barracks installation at Schumke Lake, went for practices to the Elbe River near Apollensdorf west of Wittenberg from May until July 1959. In early August, the regiment allegedly transferred to the area of Dessau. The present information tends to indicate that elements of the regiment returned to the barracks installation at Schumke Lake. The camp at Hegessee Lake, 1 km south of the installation, is known as a water training site of the regiment.

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The tanks may also belong to the engineer regiment.

2. Comment. The Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne still quarters strong elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div.

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3.  Comment. 

 The two units are thus again confirmed stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne on Kammersdorf firing range. Information on changes in the occupation of the barracks installation was previously submitted.  The location of this installation was previously indicated. 

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